Watershed development programme 'Haryali'

2294. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 162 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether under this programmes the local bodies are insisted upon to generate income from rainwater management, check dams and irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allotted to the States in both 'Haryali' and 'Swajaldhara', category-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Under the new initiative "Haryali", it is proposed that the Gram Panchayat may impose user charges from the User Groups for use of common utilities for water for irrigation from village ponds/tanks, grazing from community pastures etc. Funds so generated are proposed to be utilized for maintenance of assets created under the watershed projects.

(c) In the financial year 2002-03, no separate State-wise financial allocation has been made in "Haryali" and "Swajaldhara" Programmes.

Schemes for consolidation of Land Holdings by States

2295. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any Central scheme to help States for consolidation of land holdings;

(b) if so, the States where the scheme has been launched;

(c) whether any assistance has been extended to the State of Orissa for consolidation of land holdings; and